

House Resolution No. 3813

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State couples who have admirably demonstrated the strength, depth, and vitality of their love through the longevity of their marital vows; and

Whereas, fifty years ago J.W. Lemonds took the lovely hand of his beautiful bride, the former Thelma Lorenz, as the two pledged their troth during a solemn wedding ceremony which took place on June 19, 1954, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cape Girardeau by the Reverend Wilbert Koenig with Marlene Saupe and Jack Lemonds serving as attendants; and

Whereas, five decades later J.W. and Thelma Lemonds of Cape Girardeau observed their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary with a dinner party on June 19, 2004, at the home of a daughter and son-in-law; and

Whereas, the marriage of J.W. and Thelma Lemonds has been richly blessed down through the years with the love and affection of their children, Lynne Taylor, who is married to Gerald, and Donna Etzold, who is married to Kevin; and

Whereas, J.W. and Thelma Lemonds also have enjoyed seeing the family enlarge to include two grandchildren, Kaydee and Diana Etzold; and

Whereas, J.W. and Thelma Lemonds used the occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary to reflect on the many changes which have occurred in their lives, in society, and around the world since the blessed day they became husband and wife:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive marriage engaged in by J.W. and Thelma Lemonds and to convey to them this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and our best wishes as they celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of J.W. and Thelma Lemonds of Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Jason G. Crowell
Majority Floor Leader
District No. 158

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3813, adopted August 11, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker